REMARKS

Claims 1 to 19 are pending. Claims 1 and 19 are amended. An Advisory Action was issued by the Examiner on December 8, 2004, indicating that the Amendment After Final failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Instead of appealing the final Action, applicants are filing this Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

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Allowance of claims 1-19 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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